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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	DECEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1985	OCTOBER 1985	DECEMBER 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,709	12,711	12,874	12,635
Total civilian employment	11,881	11,849	11,888	11,734
Total unemployment	828	862	986	901
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.5	6.8	7.7	7.1
Range[b]	6.0–7.0	6.2–7.4	7.1–8.3	6.5–7.7
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.2
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,699	12,737	12,891	12,644
Total civilian employment	11,903	11,895	11,968	11,770
Total unemployment	796	842	923	874
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.3	6.6	7.2	6.9
Range[b]	5.8–6.8	6.0–7.2	6.6–7.8	6.3–7.5

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.5 percent during December 1985. This is the lowest the rate has been since December 1980 when the rate was 6.4 percent. During December 1985, California's seasonally adjusted employment totaled 11,881,000 while 828,000 persons were reported unemployed. Since December 1985, California's total employment, seasonally adjusted, has increased by 147,000 while unemployment has decreased by 73,000. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate decreased slightly to 6.9 percent.

During December 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 51,500 to 11,042,500. The majority of this increase was a result of the usual seasonal increase in the retail industry where 49,200 people were hired during December. No other sector of the California economy reported any major increases or decreases in employment during December 1985. During November 1985, the average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing increased to $413.29.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	DECEMBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1985	OCTOBER 1985	DECEMBER 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,699	12,737	12,891	12,644
Employed	11,903	11,895	11,968	11,770
Unemployed	796	842	923	874
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.6	7.2	6.9
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,772	6,788	6,816	6,702
Employed	6,376	6,356	6,385	6,268
Unemployed	396	431	431	434
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.4	6.3	6.5
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,187	5,206	5,293	5,136
Employed	4,922	4,949	4,982	4,849
Unemployed	265	257	311	287
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	5.9	5.6
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	740	743	782	806
Employed	605	590	600	653
Unemployed	135	153	181	154
Unemployment Rate	18.2	20.6	23.2	19.0
White				
Labor Force	10,794	10,882	10,985	10,643
Employed	10,148	10,182	10,244	9,943
Unemployed	646	700	741	700
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.6
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,905	1,855	1,906	2,055
Employed	1,755	1,713	1,724	1,827
Unemployed	150	142	182	174
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.7	9.6	8.7

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
California	$413.29	$411.27	$399.96	40.4	40.4	40.4	$10.23	$10.18	$9.90

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR DECEMBER PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH DECEMBER 85	PREVIOUS MONTH NOVEMBER 85	YEAR AGO DECEMBER 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,042.5	10,991.0	10,798.4	51.5	244.1	0.5	2.3
Mining	48.4	48.3	49.7	0.1	−1.3	0.2	−2.6
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	40.4	40.2	41.7	0.2	−1.3	0.5	−3.1
Nonmetal Mining	6.4	6.5	6.4	−0.1	0.0	−1.5	0.0
Construction	472.9	476.7	447.7	−3.8	25.2	−0.8	5.6
General Building Contractors	127.0	127.6	115.8	−0.6	11.2	−0.5	9.7
Heavy Construction	62.8	64.1	60.9	−1.5	1.7	−2.3	2.8
Special Trade Contractors	283.3	285.0	271.0	−1.7	12.3	−0.6	4.5
Manufacturing	2,054.7	2,058.2	2,064.8	−3.5	−10.1	−0.2	−0.5
Nondurable Goods	638.8	640.2	638.2	−3.4	−1.4	−0.5	−0.2
Durable Goods	1,417.9	1,418.0	1,426.6	−0.1	−8.7	−0.0	−0.6
Food and Kindred	167.1	171.9	166.8	−4.8	0.3	−2.8	0.2
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	6.2	5.6	6.5	0.6	−0.3	10.7	−4.6
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	48.2	52.1	44.6	−3.9	3.6	−7.5	8.1
Other Food and Kindred Products	112.7	114.2	115.7	−1.5	−3.0	−1.3	−2.6
Textile Mill Products	15.2	15.1	14.1	0.1	1.1	0.7	7.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	108.1	107.9	109.9	0.2	−1.8	0.2	−1.6
Paper and Allied Products	38.1	38.2	38.3	−0.1	−0.2	−0.3	−0.5
Printing and Publishing	144.0	143.3	140.3	0.7	3.7	0.5	2.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.8	63.4	64.9	0.4	−1.1	0.6	−1.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	27.6	27.6	29.1	0.0	−1.5	0.0	−5.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.6	64.5	66.8	0.1	−2.2	0.2	−3.3
Leather and Leather Products	8.3	8.3	8.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.7
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	52.4	54.0	52.1	−1.6	0.3	−3.0	0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	61.7	61.5	61.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.5	50.9	50.8	−0.4	−0.3	−0.8	−0.6
Primary Metal Industries	40.0	40.3	41.4	−0.3	−1.4	−0.7	−3.4
Fabricated Metal Products	137.3	138.7	142.6	−1.4	−5.3	−1.0	−3.7
Machinery except Electrical	227.5	227.0	239.5	0.5	−12.0	0.2	−5.0
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	401.1	399.5	409.6	1.6	−8.5	0.4	−2.1
Transportation Equipment	300.0	298.5	281.7	1.5	18.3	0.5	6.5
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.9	35.6	34.0	0.3	1.9	0.8	5.6
Aircraft and Parts	160.4	159.2	145.8	1.2	14.6	0.8	10.0
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.0	17.4	16.9	−0.4	0.1	−2.3	0.6
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	75.1	74.7	73.8	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.8
Other Transportation Equipment	11.6	11.6	11.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.6
Instruments and Related Products	110.7	110.4	109.0	0.3	1.7	0.3	1.6
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	36.7	37.2	38.5	−0.5	−1.8	−1.3	−4.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	560.2	557.5	555.9	2.7	4.3	0.5	0.8
Transportation	321.9	319.8	314.6	2.1	7.3	0.7	2.3
Railroads	23.0	23.1	23.9	−0.1	−0.9	−0.4	−3.8
Trucking and Warehousing	135.0	132.9	130.4	2.1	4.6	1.6	3.5
Other Transportation	163.9	163.8	160.3	0.1	3.6	0.1	2.2
Communications	158.5	158.0	162.8	0.5	−4.3	0.3	−2.6
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	79.8	79.7	78.5	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.7
Wholesale Trade	678.5	674.6	660.8	3.9	17.7	0.6	2.7
Retail Trade	2,049.7	2,000.5	1,988.3	49.2	61.4	2.5	3.1
General Merchandise Stores	277.6	257.6	278.6	20.0	−1.0	7.8	−0.4
Food Stores	280.7	277.9	276.9	2.8	3.8	1.0	1.4
Other Retail Trade	1,491.4	1,465.0	1,432.8	26.4	58.6	1.8	4.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	717.1	715.8	705.6	1.3	11.5	0.2	1.6
Finance	357.0	356.7	351.7	0.3	5.3	0.1	1.5
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	191.0	191.1	188.0	−0.1	3.0	−0.1	1.6
Real Estate	150.5	149.5	148.0	1.0	2.5	0.7	1.7
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.6	18.5	17.9	0.1	0.7	0.5	3.9
Services	2,681.2	2,676.4	2,582.6	4.8	98.6	0.2	3.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	153.8	153.0	141.5	0.8	12.3	0.5	8.7
Personal Services	123.0	122.8	117.6	0.2	5.4	0.2	4.6
Business Services	671.0	668.5	645.2	2.5	25.8	0.4	4.0
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	164.3	163.8	156.6	0.5	7.7	0.3	4.9
Motion Pictures	84.4	83.5	83.4	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
Amusement and Recreation Services	113.7	113.5	106.1	0.2	7.6	0.2	7.2
Health Services	632.0	630.7	617.1	1.3	14.9	0.2	2.4
Other Services	739.0	740.6	715.1	−1.6	23.9	−0.2	3.3
Government	1,779.8	1,783.0	1,743.0	−3.2	36.8	−0.2	2.1
Federal Government	345.1	341.8	334.6	3.3	10.5	1.0	3.1
State and Local Governments	1,434.7	1,441.2	1,408.4	−6.5	26.3	−0.5	1.9
County	225.0	224.8	219.7	0.2	5.3	0.1	2.4
City	195.1	195.7	189.0	−0.6	6.1	−0.3	3.2
Education	742.5	748.2	731.8	−5.7	10.7	−0.8	1.5
Education State	147.5	150.5	142.8	−3.0	4.7	−2.0	3.3
Education Local	595.0	597.7	589.0	−2.7	6.0	−0.5	1.0
Other State and Local	272.1	272.5	267.9	−0.4	4.2	−0.1	1.6
State exc ed	177.2	178.0	174.9	−0.8	2.3	−0.4	1.3
Special District	94.9	94.5	93.0	0.4	1.9	0.4	2.0
Total Agriculture	281.5	290.0	301.5	−8.5	−20.0	−2.9	−6.6

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
NOVEMBER 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,736,800	11,895,100	841,700	6.6
Alameda	596,875	561,150	35,725	6.0
Alpine	675	625	50	6.1
Amador	8,050	7,325	725	8.9
Butte	66,775	60,550	6,225	9.3
Calaveras	8,600	7,725	875	10.1
Colusa	7,725	6,625	1,100	14.1
Contra Costa	352,950	334,150	18,800	5.3
Del Norte	6,750	5,800	950	14.2
El Dorado	47,600	44,300	3,300	6.9
Fresno	280,900	246,300	34,600	12.3
Glenn	10,700	9,450	1,250	11.7
Humboldt	46,900	42,350	4,550	9.7
Imperial	42,850	29,850	13,000	30.4
Inyo	9,900	9,300	600	6.0
Kern	216,800	192,800	24,000	11.1
Kings	30,275	27,025	3,250	10.7
Lake	15,975	13,925	2,050	12.9
Lassen	8,900	8,000	900	10.1
Los Angeles	3,909,000	3,653,000	256,000	6.6
Madera	32,600	28,675	3,925	12.0
Marin	125,275	121,350	3,925	3.1
Mariposa	4,625	4,125	500	10.6
Mendocino	32,850	29,325	3,525	10.7
Merced	68,425	59,850	8,575	12.5
Modoc	4,650	4,200	450	9.6
Mono	5,250	4,750	500	9.5
Monterey	149,000	133,200	15,800	10.6
Napa	41,400	38,250	3,150	7.6
Nevada	23,950	22,025	1,925	8.0
Orange	1,323,900	1,275,900	48,000	3.6
Placer	63,300	59,400	3,900	6.2
Plumas	7,425	6,400	1,025	13.8
Riverside	294,000	270,900	23,100	7.9
Sacramento	416,300	390,900	25,400	6.1
San Benito	12,275	10,075	2,200	17.9
San Bernardino	389,900	365,800	24,100	6.2
San Diego	914,900	870,900	44,000	4.8
San Francisco	396,475	375,750	20,725	5.2
San Joaquin	176,500	154,300	22,200	12.6
San Luis Obispo	81,050	77,050	4,000	4.9
San Mateo	332,575	320,725	11,850	3.6
Santa Barbara	168,200	159,700	8,500	5.0
Santa Clara	882,800	837,600	45,200	5.1
Santa Cruz	103,500	94,800	8,700	8.4
Shasta	54,400	48,125	6,275	11.5
Sierra	1,000	850	150	15.6
Siskiyou	16,250	13,975	2,275	14.0
Solano	103,525	96,225	7,300	7.0
Sonoma	158,700	149,200	9,500	6.0
Stanislaus	136,200	117,500	18,700	13.7
Sutter	23,000	18,725	4,275	18.6
Tehama	15,975	14,200	1,775	11.1
Trinity	5,200	4,475	725	14.1
Tulare	129,100	112,000	17,100	13.2
Tuolumne	15,325	13,650	1,675	10.9
Ventura	278,100	257,500	20,600	7.4
Yolo	61,000	55,100	5,900	9.7
Yuba	19,750	17,275	2,475	12.6

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.